

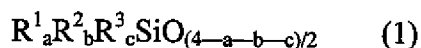
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

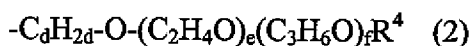
1. (Currently Amended) A method of conditioning hair, said method comprising a step of applying an organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition to said hair;

wherein said organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition comprises:

a hair treatment agent (A) represented by the following formula (1),



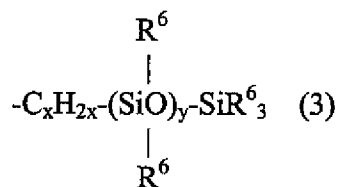
wherein R^1 is an organic group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups, fluorinated alkyl groups and an organic group represented by following formula (2),



wherein R^4 is an alkyl group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, provided that, when $d=e=f=0$, said alkyl group has 7 to 30 carbon atoms, or an organic group represented by the formula, $R^5 - (CO)-$, wherein R^5 is an alkyl group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,

R^2 is a group having at least one hydroxyl group or alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, said R^2 is bonded to a silicon atom in the formula (1) directly or via at least a silicon atom,

R^3 is a silicone compound residue represented by the following formula (3),



wherein R^6 is a group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups, and fluorinated alkyl groups, wherein when two or more of the groups $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2, \text{R}^3, \text{R}^4, \text{R}^5$ or R^6 , respectively, are present in a molecule, such are the same with or different from each other,

a, b and c each is a number with $1.0 \leq a \leq 2.5$, $0.001 \leq b \leq 1.5$, and $0.001 \leq c \leq 1.5$,

d, e and f each is an integer with $0 \leq d \leq 15$, $0 \leq e \leq 50$, and $0 \leq f \leq 50$,

x is an integer with $1 \leq x \leq 5$, and

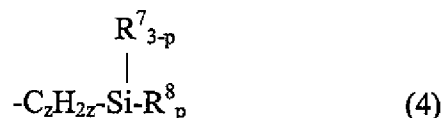
y is an integer with $0 \leq y \leq 500$.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the organopolysiloxane of formula (1) has a weight average molecular weight of from 300 to 100,000.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

R^1 is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluorinated alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or a group represented by the formula, $-\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}-1-(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})_f\text{R}^4$, wherein R^4 is an alkyl group having 7 to 30 carbon atoms and f is an integer with $0 \leq f \leq 50$,

R^2 is an organic group represented by the following formula (4),



wherein R^7 is a group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups and fluorinated alkyl groups, R^8 is a hydroxyl group or an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, z is an integer of from 1 to 5, and p is an integer of from 1 to 3, in the formula (3), R^6 is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, x is 2, and y is an integer of from 1 to 15, and

a , b and c each is a number with $1.2 \leq a \leq 2.3$, $0.05 \leq b \leq 1.0$, and $0.05 \leq c \leq 1.0$.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises, prior to the step of application of the organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition, steps of:

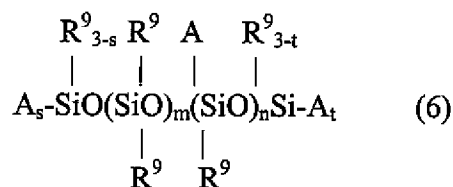
applying to the hair a second composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of amino-modified silicones, amino acid-modified silicones, and carboxyl-modified silicones, and washing the hair with water.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises, after the step of application of the organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition, a step of:

applying to the hair a third composition comprising an amino-modified silicone.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the amino-modified silicone is at least one selected from the group consisting of silicones having an amino group grafted to a silicone backbone, silicones having an amino group bonded to either one end of a silicone backbone, silicones having amino groups bonded to both ends of a silicone backbone, silicones having amino groups bonded to both ends of a silicone backbone and an amino group grafted to the silicone backbone, and silicones having a silicone chain and an amino group both grafted to a silicone backbone.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 7, wherein the amino-modified silicone is represented by the following formula (6),



wherein A is $-R^{10}NH_2$ or $-R^{10}NHR^{11}NH_2$, wherein R^{10} and R^{11} are alkylene groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

R^9 is the same with or different from each other and is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, alicyclic groups, aryl groups, aralkyl groups, and fluorinated alkyl groups,

m and n are the same with and different from each other and are integers of from 0 to 300, and s and t are the same with or different from each other and are integers of from 0 to 3 with $1 \leq n+s+t$.

9-28. (Canceled)

29. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said organopolysiloxane hair treatment composition is in the form of a liquid, milky lotion, cream, solid, paste, gel, multilayer, mousse, spray or stick.